Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Skillful, enthusiastic, and innovative teachers improve the lives of countless students by encouraging curiosity and understanding and by contributing to the development of mind and spirit; and,

Whereas, The U.S. Professors of the Year program, sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, is the only national program for excellent undergraduate teaching; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Professor of the Year represents the thousands of dedicated university and college instructors throughout South Dakota who serve their students, their community and their state with dedication and talent; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota has long supported excellence in undergraduate teaching through competitively funding faculty salaries and other initiatives to make our system of higher education the envy of many states and other nations; and,

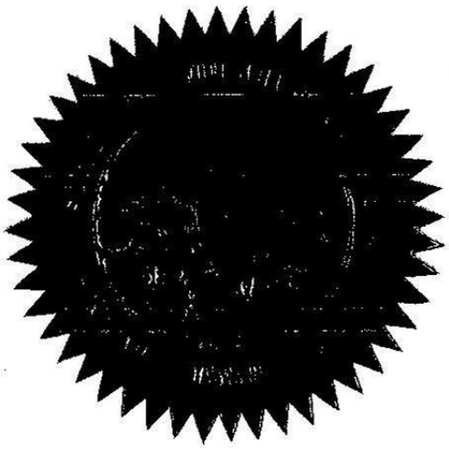
Whereas, The quality of life and the scope of opportunity for many future citizens of South Dakota will be determined by the quality of teaching in the classroom; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to recognize and commend Elizabeth T. Smith, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of South Dakota, upon being named the 2004 South Dakota Professor of the Year:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2004, as

PROFESSOR ELIZABETH "BETTY" SMITH DAY

in South Dakota, and commend her for her dedication to the education of our state's citizens.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State